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Sir:

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For: **METHOD, DEVICE AND AUXILIARY JOINING PART FOR EFFECTING A MECHANICAL JOINING**

This is a new patent application.
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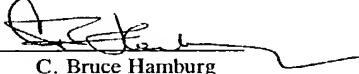
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace indicated paragraphs of the specification with replacement paragraphs presented below. Appendix II is attached hereto having marked versions of said indicated paragraphs with amendments indicated by brackets and underlining.

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Page 1: 1st full paragraph, replace with the following:

The invention relates to a method, a device and an auxiliary joining part for mechanical joining by means of punch riveting.

Page 1: 6th full paragraph, replace with the following:

For the C-frames preferably used as tool frames, heavy forces limit the capacity and hence, the applicability of the method.

Page 1: 9th full paragraph, replace with the following:

According to the invention, the problem is solved by a method in which, during the axial feeding motion of the semitubular rivet, the upper tool or/and a portion of the lower tool are given a wobbling additional movement in radial and/or tangential direction.

Page 2: 2nd full paragraph, replace with the following:

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Advantageously, for punch riveting with semitubular rivet a rivet is used the head of which has a convex elevation and the shank inner and outer contours of which beginning from the rivet foot in direction to the rivet head are shaped such that a continuous increase of the cross-sectional area of the rivet shank occurs.

Page 2: 4th full paragraph, replace with the following:

According to the invention, the problem is further solved by a device by means of which the upper tool or/and a portion of the lower tool as counterpunch can be moved in a wobbling manner in radial and/or tangential directions.

Page 2: 8th full paragraph, replace with the following:

According to the invention, the problem is further solved by an auxiliary joining part whereby the shank inner and outer contours, beginning from the rivet foot in direction of the rivet head, are shaped such that a continuous increase of the cross-sectional area of the rivet shank results.

Page 3: 1st full paragraph, delete the following:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 9 without prejudice and amend the claims as rewritten below. Appendix I is attached hereto having marked versions of said claims with amendments indicated by brackets and underlining.

1. (Amended) Method for mechanical joining of stacked plate-shaped objects comprising punch riveting with semitubular rivet using tools situated above and below the objects whereby the semitubular rivet penetrates linearly into the objects, wherein during axial feeding movement of the semitubular rivet the upper tool and/or a portion of the lower tool are given a wobbling additional movement in radial and/or tangential direction.

2. (Amended) Method of Claim 1 wherein the rivet has a head having a convex elevation and a shank having an inner contour and an outer contour which are shaped with a continuous increase of the cross-sectional area of the shank from a foot of the rivet to a head of the rivet.

3. (Amended) Method of Claim 1 or 2, wherein the wobbling additional movement comprises synchronized, simultaneous wobbling additional movement of the upper tool and a portion of the lower tool.

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4. (Amended) Method of Claim 1 or 2, wherein the wobbling additional movement is carried out with a wobbling angle of from 1° to 10°.

5. (Amended) Apparatus for mechanical joining of stacked plate-shaped objects by punch riveting with semitubular rivet whereby the semitubular rivet penetrates linearly into the object, comprising an upper tool, a lower tool, a die fixed in axial direction and a feeding device for the rivet, wherein the upper tool and/or a portion of the lower tool is supported to permit a wobbling movement in radial and/or tangential directions to be imparted thereto.

6. (Amended) Apparatus of Claim 5, wherein the die is a split die.

7. (Amended) Apparatus of Claim 5, wherein no portion of the lower tool is supported to permit wobbling motion to be imparted thereto and a portion of the lower tool and the die are integral.

8. (Amended) Semitubular rivet for use in a method for mechanical joining of stacked plate-shaped objects by punch riveting with the rivet using tools situated above and below the objects whereby the rivet penetrates linearly into the objects and wherein during axial feeding movement of the rivet the upper tool and/or a portion of the lower tool are given a wobbling additional movement in

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radial and/or tangential direction, the rivet comprising a head having a convex elevation and a shank having an inner contour and an outer contour which are shaped with a continuous increase of the cross-sectional area of the shank from a foot of the rivet to a head of the rivet.

10. (Amended) Semitubular rivet of Claim 8, wherein the inner contour and the outer contour each comprise a tractrix curve and wherein the starting points of the curves are located in direction of the rivet foot and the transfer of the curves in the center is shaped tangentially.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the abstract with the substitute abstract submitted on the following separate page.

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ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a method for mechanically joining stacked, plate-shaped objects, especially metal sheets by means of punch riveting with a semitubular rivet while using tools placed above and below the objects, whereby the semitubular rivet linearly penetrates into the objects. The inventive method is characterized in that, during the axial feed motion of the semitubular rivet, the upper tool and/or a portion of the lower tool is/are subjected to a wobbling additional movement in a radial and/or tangential direction. The invention also relates to an apparatus and to the semitubular rivet which are used for carrying out the method.

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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment, which does not introduce new matter, amends the specification and claims consistently with the substance of an Article 34 Amendment filed in the International Stage, except with substantial adaptations being made for U.S. practice, corrects obvious errors and provides an Abstract more suitable for U.S. practice. The revised discussion of prior art included in the Article 34 Amendment is not included in this Preliminary Amendment as that might be considered new matter under U.S. practice.

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APPENDIX I

AMENDED CLAIMS WITH AMENDMENTS INDICATED THEREIN BY BRACKETS AND UNDERLINING

1. (Amended) Method for mechanical joining of stacked plate-shaped [joining partners, particularly of sheets (4, 5) by means of] objects comprising punch riveting with semitubular rivet using tools situated above and [beneath of] below the [joining partners,] objects whereby the semitubular rivet penetrates linearly into the [joining partners characterized in that] objects, wherein during [the] axial feeding movement of the semitubular rivet the upper tool [(7) or/and] and/or a portion [(8)] of the lower tool are given a wobbling additional movement in radial and/or tangential direction.

- 2 (Amended) Method [to] of Claim 1 [characterized in that a semitubular rivet with material accumulations in critical areas (6a to 6e) is used] wherein the rivet has a head having a convex elevation and a shank having an inner contour and an outer contour which are shaped with a continuous increase of the cross-sectional area of the shank from a foot of the rivet to a head of the rivet.

3. (Amended) Method [to] of Claim 1 or 2 [characterized in that during the] , wherein the wobbling additional movement comprises synchronized,

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simultaneous wobbling additional movement of the upper tool [(7)] and a portion [(8)] of the lower tool [these carry out a synchronized movement].

4. (Amended) Method [to] of Claim 1 [to 3 characterized in that] or 2, wherein the wobbling additional movement is carried out with a wobbling angle [(10) between] of from 1° [and] to 10°.

5. (Amended) [Device for carrying out the method to any of the Claims 1 to 4, which consists of] Apparatus for mechanical joining of stacked plate-shaped objects by punch riveting with semitubular rivet whereby the semitubular rivet penetrates linearly into the object, comprising an upper tool [(7)], a lower tool [(8, 9)], a die [(9)] fixed in axial direction and a feeding device for the [auxiliary joining part characterized in that] rivet, wherein the upper tool [(7) or/and] and/or a portion [(8)] of the lower tool [is/are] is supported [such that they can be given] to permit a wobbling movement in radial and/or tangential directions to be imparted thereto.

6. (Amended) [Device to] Apparatus of Claim 5 [characterized in that] , wherein the die [(9)] is a split die.

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7. (Amended) [Device to] Apparatus of Claim 5 [characterized in that for a not wobbling portion (8) of the lower tool the single parts (8, 9) are constructed as one part] , wherein no portion of the lower tool is supported to permit wobbling motion to be imparted thereto and a portion of the lower tool and the die are integral.

8. (Amended) [Auxiliary joining part] Semitubular rivet for [carrying out the process to any of the Claims 1 to 4 designed as a semitubular rivet characterized in that the semitubular rivet has material accumulations in critical areas (6a to 6e)] for use in a method for mechanical joining of stacked plate-shaped objects by punch riveting with the rivet using tools situated above and below the objects whereby the rivet penetrates linearly into the objects and wherein during axial feeding movement of the rivet the upper tool and/or a portion of the lower tool are given a wobbling additional movement in radial and/or tangential direction, the rivet comprising a head having a convex elevation and a shank having an inner contour and an outer contour which are shaped with a continuous increase of the cross-sectional area of the shank from a foot of the rivet to a head of the rivet.

10. (Amended) [Auxiliar joining part to] Semitubular rivet of Claim 8 [or 9 characterized in that] , wherein the inner contour [(6d, 6e)] and the outer contour [(6b, 6c) of the semitubular rivet is described by] each comprise a tractrix [curves in each case, whereby] curve and wherein the starting points of the curves are

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located in direction of the rivet foot and the transfer of the curves in the [centre]
center is shaped tangentially.

APPENDIX II

AMENDED SPECIFICATION PARAGRAPHS WITH AMENDMENTS INDICATED THEREIN BY BRACKETS AND UNDERLINING

Page 1: 1st full paragraph, replace with the following:

The invention relates to a method, a device and an auxiliary joining part for mechanical joining by means of punch riveting [according to the generic terms of Claims 1, 5 and 8].

Page 1: 6th full paragraph, replace with the following:

For the C-frames preferably used as tool frames, heavy forces limit the [daylight]
capacity and hence, the applicability of the method.

Page 1: 9th full paragraph, replace with the following:

According to the invention, the problem is solved by a method [with the features mentioned in Claim 1] in which, during the axial feeding motion of the semitubular

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rivet, the upper tool or/and a portion of the lower tool are given a wobbling additional movement in radial and/or tangential direction.

Page 2: 2nd full paragraph, replace with the following:

Advantageously, for punch riveting with semitubular rivet [rivets are] a rivet is used [with material accumulated in critical areas] the head of which has a convex elevation and the shank inner and outer contours of which beginning from the rivet foot in direction to the rivet head are shaped such that a continuous increase of the cross-sectional area of the rivet shank occurs.

Page 2: 4th full paragraph, replace with the following:

According to the invention, the problem is further solved by a device [in connection with the features mentioned in the generic term of Claim 5 whereby] by means of which the upper tool or/and a portion of the lower tool as counterpunch can be moved in a wobbling manner in radial and/or tangential directions.

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According to the invention, the problem is further solved by an auxiliary joining part [in connection with the features mentioned in the generic term of Claim 8] whereby the [semitubular rivet is provided with material accumulations in critical areas] shank inner and outer contours, beginning from the rivet foot in direction of the rivet head, are shaped such that a continuous increase of the cross-sectional area of the rivet shank results.

Page 3: 1st full paragraph, delete the following:

[Advantageously, the rivet has a convex elevation at the rivet head.]

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Method, device and auxiliary joining part for effecting a mechanical joining

The invention relates to a method, a device and an auxiliary joining part for mechanical joining by means of punch riveting according to the generic terms of Claims 1, 5 and 8.

In known punch riveting with semitubular rivets the auxiliary joining part (the rivet) is joined into the sheets to be joined by a linear movement without a prepunched hole.

In known clinching a punch penetrates during the working stroke in a linear motion into the sheets to be joined, whereby on the opposite side a solid or split die takes part in forming the die side of the clinch spot. A counterpunch is positioned in the split die.

The known wobbling movement is used for the forming of a rivet head on the face side by partial compressive deformation.

This movement is also used in clinching, i.e. joining without using an auxiliary joining part (DE 198 43 874.5).

In known punch riveting heavy forces are required during the linear punch motion. Therefore the tool load is high which limits the application for high-strength sheet materials.

For the C-frames preferably used as tool frames, heavy forces limit the daylight and hence, the applicability of the method.

Due to the flow of the sheet material and the additional deformation of the auxiliary joining part, a specific shape of the joint results during the linear punch movement.

It is the objective of this invention to reduce the forces occurring in punch riveting. This aims at extending the field of application of this process concerning high-strength materials and the accessibility of C-frames for large workpieces. It is another objective of this invention to eliminate the process's weak points of drawing-in of the head and low expansion and thus to achieve a better appearance and higher joining strengths in equivalent joining jobs.

According to the invention, the problem is solved by a method with the features mentioned in Claim 1 in which, during the axial feeding motion of the semitubular rivet, the upper tool or/and a portion of the lower tool are given a wobbling additional movement in radial and/or tangential direction.

This additional movement is superimposed on the axial feeding motion during the whole or part of the joining process. The wobbling movement can take place tangentially, e.g. in a circular motion, radially outwards from the centre, e.g. in a pivoting motion, and in a combined motion tangentially/radially, e.g. in a rosette kinematics. Due to the wobbling movement the material is partially deformed which distinctly reduces the process forces.

Advantageously, for punch riveting with semitubular rivet rivets are used with material accumulated in critical areas.

It is also advantageous, for a simultaneous active additional movement of the upper tool and a portion of the lower tool, to make these move synchronously such that the introduced axial forces of the punches oppose each other directly.

According to the invention, the problem is further solved by a device in connection with the features mentioned in the generic term of Claim 5 whereby the upper tool or/and a portion of the lower tool as counterpunch can be moved in a wobbling manner in radial and/or tangential directions.

In the device according to the invention, at least one of the tools (upper tool, a portion of the lower tool as counterpunch) is displaced in a wobbling manner in addition to the known axial feed motion. Both opposing tools can execute this wobbling motion simultaneously and, in a special embodiment, synchronizedly.

Advantageously, the die of the device is a split die. This allows to realize a special material flow on the die side of the joint.

In an embodiment of the device with only the upper tool wobbling, the lower tool, which in other cases is split, is designed as a one-piece part.

According to the invention, the problem is further solved by an auxiliary joining part in connection with the features mentioned in the generic term of Claim 8 whereby the semitubular rivet is provided with material accumulations in critical areas.

Advantageously, the rivet has a convex elevation at the rivet head.

It is also advantageous that the inner and outer profiles of the semitubular rivet are described by two tractrix curves in each case whereby the start points of the curves are situated in direction of the rivet foot and rivet head, respectively, and the transition of the curves is tangential in the centre.

In the following, the invention is further explained by examples of embodiment. In the drawings it is shown by

- Fig. 1 a representation of state-of-the-art punch riveting;
- Fig. 2 a semitubular rivet according to the invention;
- Fig. 3 a representation of punch riveting with superimposed wobbling movement.

In Fig. 1 the known punch riveting with punch 1 and fixed die 2 is represented. The standard semitubular rivet 3 penetrates in an axial movement into the sheets to be joined 4 and 5. This rivet usually has a flat head 3a, a radius 3b and a chamfer 3c.

In Fig. 2 a semitubular rivet 6 adapted to the wobbling movement is shown. It has a material accumulation in form of a convex elevation at the rivet head 6a. Therefore the introduced force is concentrated mainly on the area of the rivet head centre in the first period of the process, wherefrom the cutting forces to cut the upper sheet are passed to the rivet foot. The periphery of the rivet head is plastified only at the end of the joining process, when the entire rivet head is formed flat. The additional rivet material of the convex elevation is displaced radially outwards during flat forming. With the resulting increase of the rivet head diameter the drawing-in zone 12 in the upper sheet is reduced.

Further the contours of the semitubular rivet 6 are described by two tractrix curves each.

The start points of the tractrix outer contour are situated at the rivet foot (curve 6c) and rivet head (curve 6b). The start points of the tractrix inner contour are also at the rivet foot (curve 6e) and at the upper point of the inner contour (curve 6d).

The inner curves 6d and 6e and the outer curves 6b and 6c are connected to each other by a tangential transition. This aims at increasing the cross-sectional area of the rivet, which is an annular area in the lower portion and a circular area in the upper portion, continuously beginning from the rivet foot. Therefore, in every cross-section, the bending moment which in-

creases beginning from the rivet foot during joining can be taken into account and no weak points develop at chamfer or radius, respectively, transition points. Owing to this design of the auxiliary joining part the loads developing during partial deformation can be absorbed in an improved way and the undesired compression of the rivet foot can be reduced. A better expansion develops and hence a higher strength of the joint.

In Fig. 3 the riveting process with superimposed wobbling movement 11 is shown in its final phase. As a wobbling movement 11 a movement is superimposed that describes a rosette or a circle. The synchronizedly wobbling tools, upper tool 7 – punch – and lower tool 8 – here the counterpunch as portion of the lower tool – swivel at a maximum wobbling angle 10 whereby this angle is between 1° and 10° , preferably 3° .

Nomenclature

- 1 - punch
- 2 - fixed die
- 3 - standard semitubular rivet
- 3a - flat head
- 3b - radius
- 3c - chamfer
- 4 - punch-side sheet
- 5 - die-side sheet
- 6 - semitubular rivet
- 6a - convex elevation at the rivet head
- 6b - upper smaller tractrix curve at the outer contour
- 6c - lower bigger tractrix curve at the outer contour
- 6d - upper smaller tractrix curve at the inner contour
- 6e - lower bigger tractrix curve at the inner contour
- 7 - upper tool
- 8 - portion of the lower tool
- 9 - split die with inner cone
- 10 - wobbling angle
- 11 - wobbling movement
- 12 - drawing-in

Claims

1. Method for mechanical joining of stacked plate-shaped joining partners, particularly of sheets (4, 5) by means of punch riveting with semitubular rivet using tools situated above and beneath of the joining partners, whereby the semitubular rivet penetrates linearly into the joining partners **characterized in that** during the axial feeding movement of the semitubular rivet the upper tool (7) or/and a portion (8) of the lower tool are given a wobbling additional movement in radial and/or tangential direction.
2. Method to Claim 1 **characterized in that** a semitubular rivet with material accumulations in critical areas (6a to 6e) is used.
3. Method to Claim 1 or 2 **characterized in that** during the simultaneous wobbling additional movement of the upper tool (7) and a portion (8) of the lower tool these carry out a synchronized movement.
4. Method to Claim 1 to 3 **characterized in that** the wobbling additional movement is carried out with a wobbling angle (10) between 1° and 10°.
5. Device for carrying out the method to any of the Claims 1 to 4, which consists of an upper tool (7), a lower tool (8, 9), a die (9) fixed in axial direction and a feeding device for the auxiliary joining part **characterized in that** the upper tool (7) or/and a portion (8) of the lower tool is/are supported such that they can be given a wobbling movement in radial and/or tangential directions.
6. Device to Claim 5 **characterized in that** the die (9) is a split die.
7. Device to Claim 5 **characterized in that** for a not wobbling portion (8) of the lower tool the single parts (8, 9) are constructed as one part.
8. Auxiliar joining part for carrying out the process to any of the Claims 1 to 4 designed as a semitubular rivet **characterized in that** the semitubular rivet has material accumulations in critical areas (6a to 6e).

9. Auxiliar joining part to Claim 8 **characterized in that** the semitubular rivet has a material accumulation shaped as a convex elevation on the rivet head (6a).
10. Auxiliar joining part to Claim 8 or 9 **characterized in that** the inner contour (6d, 6e) and outer contour (6b, 6c) of the semitubular rivet is described by tractrix curves in each case, whereby the starting points of the curves are located in direction of the rivet foot and the transfer of the curves in the centre is shaped tangentially.

With 3 sheets of drawings.

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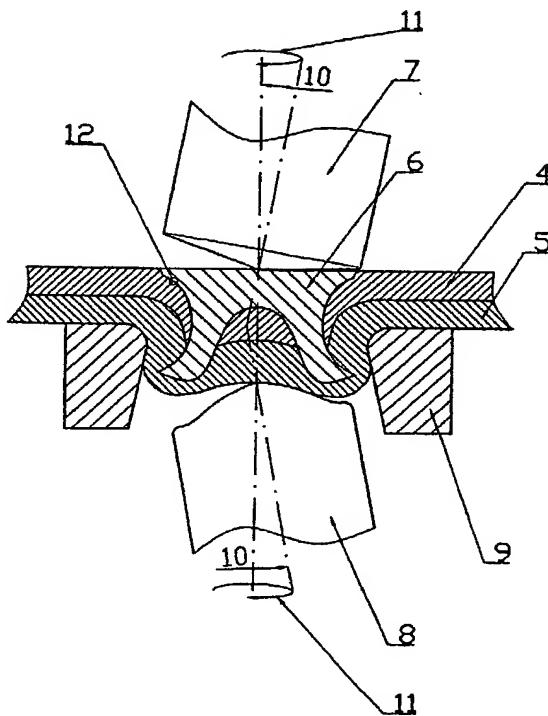
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for mechanically joining stacked, plate-shaped joining partners, especially metal sheets (4, 5) by means of punch riveting with a semitubular rivet while using tools placed above and below the joining partners, whereby the semitubular rivet linearly penetrates into the joining partners. The inventive method is characterized in that, during the axial feed motion of the semitubular rivet, the upper tool (7) and/or a portion (8) of the lower tool is/are subjected to a wobbling additional movement in a radial and/or tangential direction. The invention also relates to a device and to an auxiliary joining part which are used for carrying out said method.

(57) Zusammenfassung: Die Erfindung betrifft ein Verfahren zum mechanischen Fügen von übereinander angeordneten plattenförmigen Fügepartnern, insbesondere von Blechen (4, 5), mittels Stanznieten mit Halbhohlniet (16), unter Einsatz von oberhalb und unterhalb der Fügepartner (4, 5) vorgesehenen Werkzeugen (7, 8), wobei der Halbhohlniet (16) geradlinig in die Fügepartner (4, 5) eindringt, dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass während der axialen Vorschubbewegung des Halbhohlnietes Ober-(7) oder/und ein Teil (8) des Unterwerkzeuges mit einer taumelnden Zusatzbewegung in radialem und/oder tangentialer Richtung beaufschlagt wird/werden. Eine Vorrichtung und ein Hilfsfügeteil (6) zur Durchführung des Verfahrens sind beschrieben.

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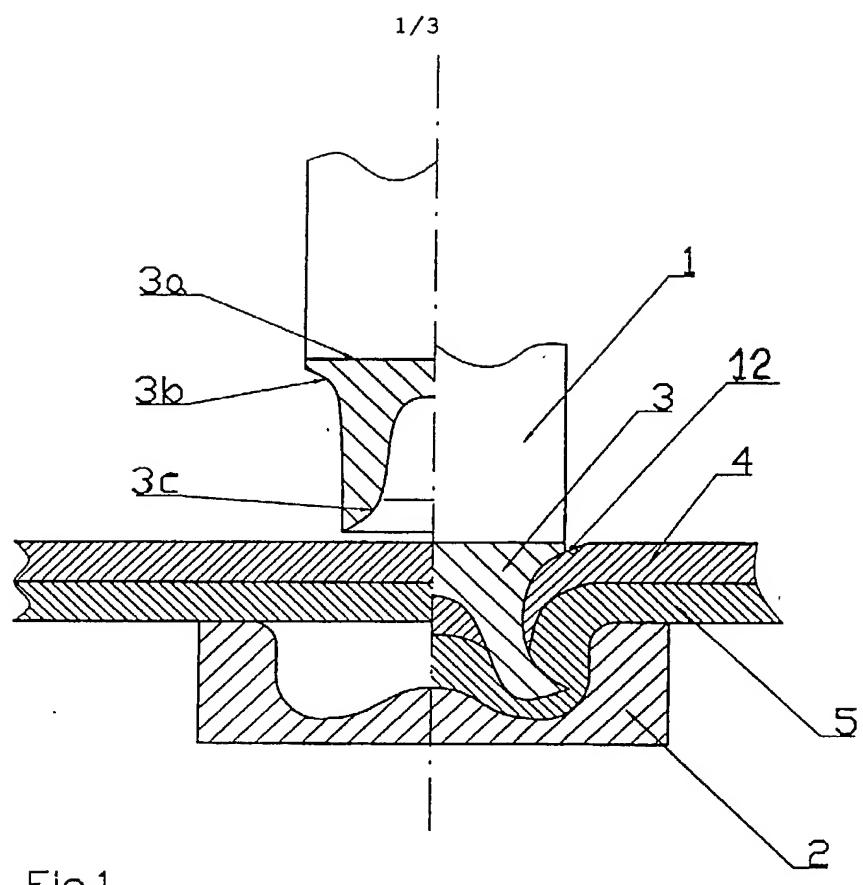


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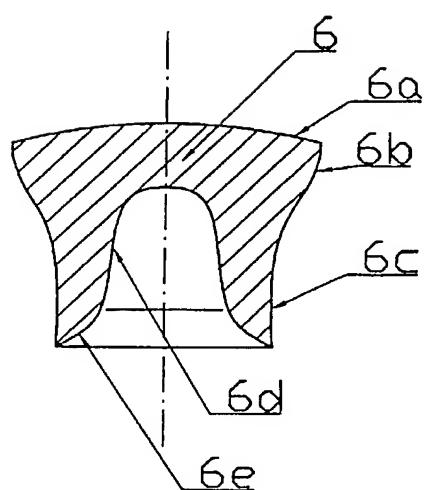


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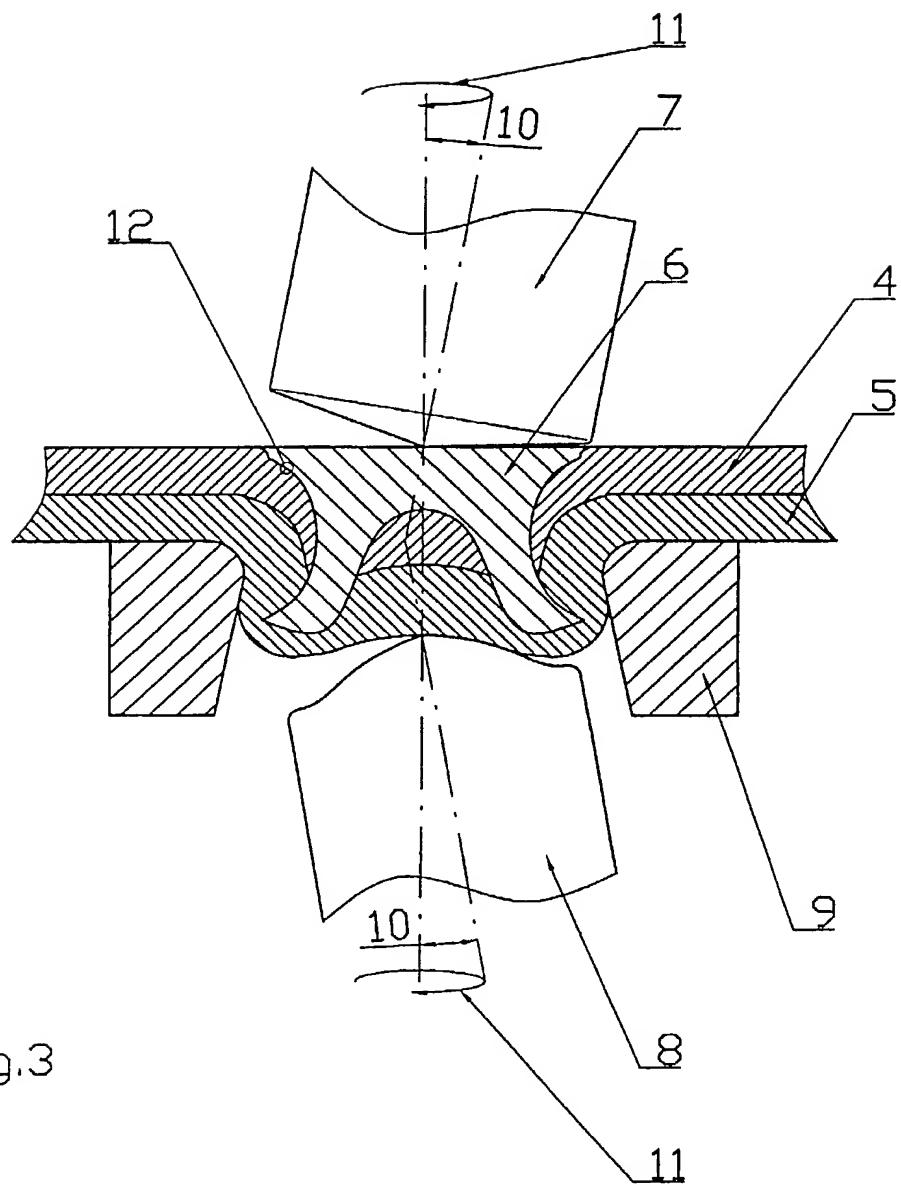


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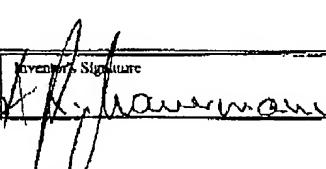
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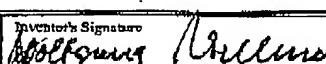
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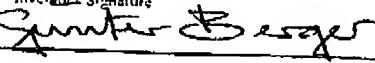
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